

Notice to Summer Flounder (Fluke) Commercial Permit Holders

Changes enacted for 2001 – June 14, 2001

The following is an update on summer flounder management rules for 2001. There are changes to the overall quota, adoption of no-fishing days, and new reporting requirements for all commercial fishermen.

Season and Possession limits: The directed fishery opens on July 8th with a 300 pounds per day daily possession limit for net gear (e.g. draggers, gillnetters) and 200 pounds per vessel per day for hook gears (e.g. rod-and-reel, longlines). Summer flounder possession limits apply to each vessel regardless of the number of permitted fishermen aboard. There will not be separate quotas and/or seasons for draggers and hook-fishermen. Fishermen are reminded that summer flounder may NOT be landed between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM or possessed for commercial purposes on any Friday or Saturday. Also, all summer flounder must be separated from other species for easy inspection by Environmental Police. *(Note: minimum size for summer flounder is unchanged from last year and is still 14"; recreational minimum size has been increased to 16 ½" with a 7 fish bag limit.)*

Reporting Requirements To improve landings data, DMF will be requiring all fishermen who hold a summer flounder permit to submit an annual catch report to DMF. Every summer flounder permit holder is required to submit the report to DMF, otherwise the permit will be revoked in 2002. See the enclosed catch report for details. The data from these reports will allow us to produce a more complete picture of landings by gear, time, and permit holder.

For more information on regulations contact DMF's Boston office at 617-626-1536 and for information on statistics and catch report requirements contact DMF's Statistics Project at 978-282-0308.

2001 Summer Flounder (Fluke) Catch Report

Due Date: September 30, 2001

<i>Please Print</i>			
DMF ID Number: _____		DMF Permit Number: _____	
Name: _____			
Last	First	MI	
Address: _____			
Street	City/Town	State	Zip

1. Choose **ONLY ONE** of the following options (A, B or C):

A. If you **DID NOT** land fluke in Massachusetts during 2001, check the box, sign and date the report and return to DMF. _____→

B. If you landed fluke in Massachusetts during 2001, but reported your landings through the Federal VTR (Vessel Trip Reporting) Program, check the box, fill in your Federal Permit Number, sign and date the report and return to DMF.

Reported MA landed fluke through Federal VTR Program _____→
Federal Permit Number: _____

C. If you landed fluke in Massachusetts during 2001, but did not report your landings through the Federal VTR Program, check the box, complete sections 2 and 3 completely, sign and date the report and return to DMF.

Landed Fluke in Massachusetts but **DID NOT** report landings through
Federal VTR Program _____→

2. Circle the gear group that you used to land fluke in Massachusetts during 2001.

(A) Net Gears

(B) Hook Gears

3. Complete the Dealer Transaction table on the BACK SIDE of this report.

Use this table to record your commercial transactions with authorized fluke dealers. Enter the date of each sale, the dealer's name and permit number, and the total pounds sold. **Make copies of the dealer transaction table if extra pages are needed or obtain a blank form from DMF's web site at www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dmf.**

Remember, only complete this table if you did not report your landings through the Federal VTR Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Knowingly falsifying any information contained within this report constitutes the act of perjury and may result in a fine, imprisonment or loss of license (MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 2, 21, 33).

2001 Summer Flounder (Fluke) Dealer Transaction Table
Due Date: September 30, 2001

Please Print

DMF ID Number: _____

DMF Permit Number: _____

Name: _____

Last

First

MI

[illegible]

Signature _____

Date _____

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